> When editor of a Roman Catholic paper, the Toronto Mirror, he was looked upon as the most bitter and reckless slanderer that ever handled a pen; perfectly unscrupulous, but far too practised and wary a controversialist to make a direct charge when an insinuation would answer his purpose. (14)

Dr. Campbell interrupts "Lawyer Blank's" depiction of Dr. Workman as a kind of demon aroused against him, demanding what he has done to disturb him; the latter explains that it was enough to suggest that "something could exist in the Provincial Lunatic Asylum which was not absolute perfection" -- he alludes in particular to the allegations that Nurses aggravated Mary's condition by interrogating her (14).

The straw-man alleges a breach of professional conduct: "Was it not a most improper and a gross breach of professional confidence to reveal anything thus told him?" (15). More than this, Dr. Campbell says, he is annoyed by "the torturing process by which this so-called evidence was obtained" (15). He has his straw-man then draw comparisons to a work of fiction, Charles Reade's Very Hard Cash and its "parallel cases of Asylum torturing" (15). Moreover, referring to characters in the book, and with startling inconsistency, he implies that Dr. Workman and his staff have been brutalized by daily contact with lunatics.

## Allegations of Torture at the Provincial Lunatic Asylum

Dr. Campbell describes in grotesque detail Mary's difficulty talking, after the stoppage of her larynx had necessitated reopening her wind-pipe to enable her to breathe. The nurses aggravate Mary's suffering by encouraging her to talk; moreover, the Asylum itself causes the stoppage by placing Mary in a room that is too cold and dry. Dr. Campbell concludes that Mary's death was really caused by "the miserable arrangements of this Asylum, which costs the Province so much money!" (16). He implies that Mary did not die from the neck wound proper but from "the insufficiency of the means in the Asylum, for treating, any case of simple bronchitis" (16).

As for Dr. Campbell's use of "pinioning" in his letter of May 13, he allows that he probably should have used "the more delicate term `restrained'" (16).